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Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and in order to place the above identified application in better condition for examination, please amend the claims as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please substitute the following amended claims for corresponding claims previously presented. A copy of the amended claims showing current revisions is attached.

3. (Amended) Apparatus according to claim 1, wherein any of said duplicated objects is either a duplica updated by a duplicate master or a duplicate master which updates its respective duplicates.

4. (Amended) Apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said duplicated objects are subscriber duplicated objects or publisher subscriber objects.

5. (Amended) Apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said equipping of objects with attributes determines whether said objects are subscriber duplicated objects or publisher subscriber objects.

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13. (Amended) Method according to claim 1, wherein any of said duplicated objects is either a duplica updated by a duplicate master or a duplicate master which updates its respective duplicas.

14. (Amended) Method according to claim 1, wherein said duplicated objects are subscriber duplicated objects or publisher subscriber objects.

15. (Amended) Method according to claim 1, wherein said equipping of objects with attributes determines whether said objects are subscriber duplicated objects or publisher subscriber objects.

#### REMARKS

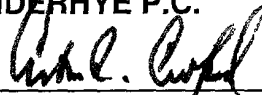
Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made."

The above amendments are made to place the claims in a more traditional format.

Respectfully submitted,

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3. (Amended) Apparatus according to claim 1 [and 2], wherein any of said duplicated objects is either a duplica updated by a duplicate master or a duplicate master which updates its respective duplicates.

4. (Amended) Apparatus according to [claims 1 to 3] claim 1, wherein said duplicated objects are subscriber duplicated objects or publisher subscriber objects.

5. (Amended) Apparatus according to [claims 1 to 4] claim 1, wherein said equipping of objects with attributes determines whether said objects are subscriber duplicated objects or publisher subscriber objects.

13. (Amended) Method according to claim 1 [and 2], wherein any of said duplicated objects is either a duplica updated by a duplicate master or a duplicate master which updates its respective duplicas.

14. (Amended) Method according to [claims 1 to 3] claim 1, wherein said duplicated objects are subscriber duplicated objects or publisher subscriber objects.

15. (Amended) Method according to [claims 1 to 4] claim 1, wherein said equipping of objects with attributes determines whether said objects are subscriber duplicated objects or publisher subscriber objects.